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Dear Mr. Giannini

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The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) issues a DEIS only when it is satisfied that the document complies with National Environmental Policy Act requirements. I assume that your concerns were submitted for the record during the formal comment period on the DEIS; the public comment period began on November 21, 2008. Due to the high degree of public interest in this project, FTA extended the comment period on the DEIS for 30 days. Additionally, five public hearings on the DEIS were held at local venues during the public comment period. The public comment period closed on February 6, 2009.

FTA received extensive comments on the DEIS. It is my understanding that members of your organization also communicated your concerns to City of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services representatives on October 15, 2009. Please be assured that all substantive issues developed in comments on the DEIS will be addressed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

Thank you for your continuing interest in the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project environmental studies. If I can provide further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (202) 366-4040. A similar letter has been sent to Mr. Berman.

Sincerely yours,

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